

Remarks

In response to the correspondence of February 21, 2003, claims 8 and 16 have been further amended. The word "preferably" has been deleted as requested in claim 8. In claim 16, it has now been clarified that it is the unembossed ply that is creped in addition to the embossed ply.

Conclusion

In view of the Amendment and Remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-15 are still pending and a Notice of Allowance for these claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment Claims with Changes Marked

8. (Twice Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the embossed ply has, over at least 30% and [preferably] at least 50% of the total area, at least 30 protrusions per cm².

16. (Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the unembossed ply is made of a creped material.